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ANNOUNCEMENT

After January 1st our business
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Circumstances and conditions are now such that we have decided to conduct our businesses hereafter on a strictly cash basis—which is even the best system under any circumstances. Patrons are respectfully requested to accept this intimation.

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JANUARY

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Committee—R. L. Elves, Mayor Butchart, Miss Wylie, A. G. Spooner, Everett McPherson, Harry Nelson—and Everybody.

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Season Scheduled for League Hockey Games

GAMES TO PLAY

January 18—Huskies vs. Strollers.
January 23—Huskies vs. Canadians.
January 25—Canadians vs. Strollers.
January 30—Huskies vs. Strollers.
February 1—Huskies vs. Canadians.
February 6—Canadians vs. Strollers.
February 8—Huskies vs. Strollers.
February 13—Huskies vs. Canadians.
February 15—Canadians vs. Strollers.
February 20—Huskies vs. Strollers.

RESULTS OF GAMES

Jan. 1—Canadians 8, Huskies 7.
Jan. 4—Canadians 5, Strollers 3.
Jan. 9—Strollers 5, Huskies 4.
Jan. 11—Canadians 6, Huskies 3.
Jan. 16—Postponed.

CONFER WITH MORTGAGE MEN

A conference with representatives of mortgage and loan companies of the province, and representatives of farm organizations, with members of the Alberta cabinet, was held in Calgary on Friday last, when farm loans and other matters were discussed.

STILL UNDER-REAMING

Under-reaming is still in progress at the Drumheller well at Aldersyde and they have now got down about 835 feet. Some little delay was experienced with a piece of casing collapsing but they are believed to be making good time now. The well had been drilled 1080 feet.

SEED GROWERS' CONVENTION

In connection with the provincial seed fair which is in progress in Edmonton this week, a convention is being held on Friday 19th, for the purpose of discussing the formation of a Provincial Seed Growers' Organization. Among the speakers will be many prominent agriculturists not only of Alberta, but also of other parts of the Dominion. The convention opens Friday morning at ten o'clock.

WHERE THE GOLD IS LOCATED

There is more gold in New York today than has ever been gathered together before in one spot. The world's gold supply is estimated at \$8,200,000,000. One seventh of that amount, or \$1,200,000,000, is in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The 12 Federal Reserve Banks of the United States hold forty per cent of the world's gold. New York's share is more than was ever held at any time by the Bank of England. Even in the days before the war, the "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street" never guarded such a hoard as this. It has taken about eight years for this gold to accumulate. Late in 1914 when the Federal Reserve system was only a few months old the New York branch had about \$109,000,000 in gold. In 1921 the billion dollar mark was passed. A member of the Federal Reserve Club of statisticians turned mind recently published in the club magazine the result of some of his calculations. He mathematically converted the total amount of the gold into \$20 gold pieces and then performed tricks with them. He stacked them on top of each other and found they would reach 95 miles into the air. He placed them end to end and found that they would reach 1200 miles. He discovered that he could pave a street twenty feet wide that would reach from Grant's tomb on Riverside Drive to Battery Park—Saturday Night.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Charters of Holland, Manitoba, is at present visiting in town, the guest of his son, Mr. E. J. Charters.

Miss Perrin is the new teacher at the Reid Hill school, succeeding Miss Moorehouse.

Mrs. D. E. Geddes returned Friday from Nanton where she spent several days visiting with friends.

Mr. Geo. W. Buck was in Calgary on business for two or three days this week.

Mr. J. R. Wyatt, who has been on the sick list for the past three weeks, is now well enough to be around again.

Blow the weather, it upsets calculations altogether. Several rinks of Calgary lady curlers were to visit Vulcan on Wednesday and play the local lady curlers. Vulcan ladies prepared to entertain them right, and the turkeys were cooked and everything, but the sunny weather made a postponement necessary. And no sooner had the event been postponed when the weather changed to colder. Such is weather, anyway, but of late we have been having the finest kind.

Things are not just so bad as perhaps what we thought. When the change in train service was announced everybody was on the prod. True, things are bad in respect to the delivery of daily papers, but otherwise we are doing fairly well. On Monday the C.P.R. inaugurated an express service on what is usually termed the Spokane train, and now, so far as express is concerned, we are even better off than ever. And, besides, as we reported recently, we now have station service at the early morning and late at night trains.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Union Church met at the home of Mrs. Robbie, on Friday January 12. A report of the work of the society during 1922 was given. The sum of \$91.20 was raised, also a quilt and some socks were made and sent to a mission school. The officers for 1923 are: President, Mrs. Brunton; vice-president, Mrs. McCauley; secretary, Mrs. Lebow; treasurer, Mrs. Dickinson; strangers secretary, Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Robbie, Mrs. Carson and Mrs. McCauley gave very interesting talks on work in the foreign and home missionary fields, after which the hostess served tea and cake, and a pleasant half hour was spent. The February meeting of the society will be held at the home of Mrs. Carson.

The interest in the big team and record grain delivery still continues. Every day or two there is something new. The other day, Mr. Keiver, of the Alberta Pacific Grain Co., received a copy of a Toronto paper containing a photo and a descriptive article of the team, and load, and we know of a Boston paper, which made a feature article of the event. It has been the subject of comment a publicity everywhere, and the other day, Ralph Moorehouse, the principal in the event, received a letter from a large firm of motor truck manufacturers at Lima, Ohio, stating that they had read in a recent issue of the Detroit Free Press a very complimentary reference made to the job of grain hauling so successfully accomplished at Vulcan, and incidentally suggested the advantages of motor truck delivery as against horse-drawn haulage. And it all goes to show that those who had a part in the execution of this exceptional feat, as we have said before, planned greater than they knew, and The Advocate will be pardoned for the pride we have in the part we played in starting a line of publicity which would appear to have no limit, for we were not the first to print the photos and report of what has been classed as a world event.

GENERAL NEWS

J. W. Russell of Calgary was elected president of the Calgary G.W.V.A. Association.

The Piccirilli appeal will be heard by Justice Walsh and an answer given on January 20.

Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C.N.R. was in Calgary on Monday and spoke at the Board of Trade luncheon to a large crowd.

T. A. Crerar, leader of the Progressive party will continue as member of Marquette and will give his hearty support to Mr. Fookes, his successor.

Wheat shipments from Calgary to the Pacific Coast continue to be very heavy, according to the local grain inspector. In December more than 160,000 tons were sent from this city and heavy booking have been made for January.

Tons of choice milk-fed turkeys and chickens have been shipped out of Southern Alberta this fall to Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma. Never have shipments to outside markets been so heavy, and never has the quality been better. One farmer, who shipped some 900 fowl to Montreal this season, expects to increase his surplus stock to 2,000 by next Christmas.

LOCAL ITEMS

"Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better."—Coue.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wort, were business visitors to Calgary for several days this week.

Mr. J. B. Branson and son, of Carleton Place, spent the week-end in the district with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Spanke.

Born, at the Vulcan maternity hospital, on January 12th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Danis, of Lake McGreggor, a 11-lb. son.

The Mississippi man, aged 94, who recently became the father of twins, is a reminder that all the good men do not die young.

Messrs. House and Smith are in Vulcan and district this week in pursuit of their business of purchasing stock, and they are picking up a considerable quantity.

Miss Evelyn Story will speak at the Union Church on Sunday morning and evening. Miss Story has given the last five years in directing the physical, social and religious life of the 'teen age girls of Alberta. Special music by the choir. Everybody invited.

Mr. Daines, the shoe man in this town, was in Calgary on business for a couple of days this week, and returned with a cheerful countenance, bearing with him some of the business optimism which he contracted from the wholesalers and others with whom he came in contact.

The first services in the new Anglican Church will be held in the basement on Sunday, January 21st, when the Ven. Archdeacon Hayes will conduct them. Holy communion and address at 11 a.m., evensong and address at 7:30 p.m. After the evening service the annual vestry meeting will be held.

C. E. Henry, who recently left here for Portland, Oregon, with Mrs. Henry, has written a letter to friends here, and in it "Uncle" reports a serious loss. Many have known that in the summer the family live in comfort in a house-boat on the Columbia Well, recently, the waters of the river rose suddenly, the tie lines broke, and away went the house-boat. At time of writing it was not known whether the boat had been wrecked or not.

A pretty wedding took place at Vulcan, on January 8th, 1923, when Miss Mary A. McDonald, of Chilmark, was united in marriage to Mr. P. Bertinus Hanson, farmer, of that district. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. McLaughlin, after which the marriage dinner was served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McIntyre, cousins of the bride. The happy couple left on a short honeymoon trip to the coast cities prior to taking up residence at Chilmark, Alberta.

An event of perhaps more than ordinary interest took place at the Public School on Friday afternoon last. It was a challenge spelling match between a team from Grades 6 and 7 and a team from Grade 8, and the combination from the lower grades won in what was indeed a keen and close contest. Vivian Vaughan, of Grade 6, was the last up for the winners, and Norman Jennejohn stood the longest for Grade 8. Miss Mitchell dictated the words and conducted the match. It is expected that there will be a challenge for a return match.

The Blackie Community Club, in a recent letter to Secretary Harry Nelson, request the co-operation of Vulcan Community Club in the promotion of a special train to one of the big league hockey matches in Calgary at a near date. The proposition is to run a train from Vulcan to Calgary and return at the hours suitable to time of game, at a return fare of \$3.25. The idea has been received with favor by several of the hockey fans, who would be pleased to make the trip, but the Community Club has not yet officially given consideration to the matter. You who are interested, kindly speak.

The installation of officers was a feature of the last meeting of Clover Rebekah Lodge, Vulcan, and following is the list of officers: Mrs. O. B. Roef Junior Past Grand; Irene Terry, Noble Grand; Miss Fair, Vice-Grand; Mrs. Layman, Conductor; Mrs. Flood, Warden; Mrs. Sherman, Right Supporter Noble Grand; Mrs. Farrand, Left Supporter Noble Grand; Mrs. M. McPherson, Right Supporter Vice-Grand; Mrs. Allan, Left Supporter Vice-Grand; Walter Mays, Outside Guardian; Mrs. Richie, Inside Guardian; Ethel Hoge, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Marcellus, Financial Secretary; Ella Hoge, Treasurer.

There is still honesty in the world, and in this district. A couple of months ago when Mr. Jennejohn was trucking the household effects of Wm. Rolston to Calgary a bundle was dropped from the load. It contained a valuable camera, a number of books and a copy of the Bible. These were found by an honest man and left at the newspaper office in High River, and later advertised, and finally through The Advocate returned to the owner. Honesty and advertising are truly a great combination.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. D. L. Doane was a visitor to Barons on Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Stack were Calgary visitors for a few days this week.

Mr. George Buck was a visitor to Calgary for a couple of days this week.

Bankhead Briquettes at \$12.00, and Hard Coal at \$13.00, at Terwilliger Elevator.

Mr. L. Snodgrass, of High River, was a visitor over the week-end, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Terry.

Calgary Herald, best of all dailies, delivered six times weekly for 25c. Call Wilfrid Daines (Radio Ralph).

"Happy the district blessed with a few liberal minds and a few good hearts. One such citizen will advance an entire community."

Mr. and Mrs. Robson, and children, of Okotoks, spent the week-end in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McTaggart.

Stock shipments out of Vulcan of late have been quite considerable. Fred Bilton, Joe Reid and House and Smith have been the shippers.

The executive of the Union Church met recently to consider and prepare reports for presentation to the annual congregational meeting of the church, to be held on January 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenni John and Mrs. Frank Keiver left here on Wednesday for Calgary. Mr. Jenni John goes to attend the provincial "Ford" convention and, of course, they motored up.

February 5th has been set as the date for the vote in Vulcan on By-law No. 32—the skating rink by-law. This is also the date of the municipal elections. The details of the by-law are on the back page of this issue.

There is class to the Kirkcaldy Women's Institute. The Advocate has just completed for them a supply of neatly printed letter paper and envelopes and we have an order now for programs for the year's meetings.

Members of the Girls' Club and many other friends in Vulcan will be interested to learn that Miss Gretchen Micks has commenced training as a nurse in the City Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y. Miss Micks was active in the work and the play of the girls while here, and will pursue her noble profession with the best wishes of everybody.

There was a meeting of the Public Library board on Tuesday afternoon. It was decided to make an expenditure of approximately \$200 in the purchase of books, and the selection will be undertaken as soon as possible. The library is a valuable town possession and a real community asset, and the addition every now and then of a number of well selected volumes increases its usefulness and value.

Compliments have been many in reference to the Jiggs and Maggie cartoon printed in our last issue, and we accept this as a credit to Miss LeBow and as an appreciation of the public of our effort to make The Advocate the best of the small town weeklies, and right here we thank the several who have given us practical evidence by keeping up with Jiggs in the matter of subscription.

Tuesday night a new radio broadcasting station in connection with the Hales department store at San Francisco operated for the first time. Among other things sent out was a speech by the mayor of the city and a speech by the fire chief. Mr. Spooner reports these coming in very distinctly, and they were also plainly received by the several other radio fans in Vulcan. This radio is a fine thing. As soon as the big hockey games are over, we know the result here in Vulcan; in fact the scores are reported at the end of each period of play. This week we got returns on the Calgary game at Vancouver, and the result of the election at Calgary as soon as the ballots were counted.

"Over the Hill" is the name of a picture which was shown in Vulcan some time ago at a high price and seen only by a few. It's kind and superior excellence is such that a committee of citizens have undertaken to guarantee the cost of presenting the picture again, this time at the nominal charge of 10c for children and 25c for adults, tax included. This has been made possible by the Fox Film Company quoting a generous price on the picture, and the manager of the local opera house doing likewise on rent and service. No one is to make money out of the event, the idea being to have everybody see the picture. Postmaster Elves, Mayor Butchart, Everett McPherson, A. G. Spooner, Harry Nelson, and Miss Wylie, have given their support to the scheme, and by next week every business man and all others it is hoped will voluntarily become a committee of the whole community to put the idea over big. It is a real opportunity to give support and patronage to a really good picture. The dates planned are Tuesday and Wednesday, the last two days of the month, but definite announcement as to this will be made later.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. W. Watt was a business visitor to Calgary for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wright were visitors to Calgary on Monday.

Born on Friday, January 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Denius, of Lake McGregor, a son.

Mr. A. M. Allan, auditor, of Edmonton, it at present in town auditing the books of the Municipal district of Royal and town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Simington, who have been visiting in the Okanagan Valley for the past two weeks, returned home this week.

Miss O. Haw, who has been teaching at Trochu, has accepted the position of teacher at Sunny Glen School and commenced duties there last week.

Councillor Walker, who had yet a year to go, has resigned as a member of the Town Council. This will make four councillors to elect this year.

The dance at the Opera House on Friday night was a successful and enjoyable event. Ober's orchestra furnished the music and everybody had a good time.

The prize list for the Vulcan poultry show is in the hands of the printers, and might be in circulation even before this is read. There is every indication of a big show.

The marriage of Michael Beingsness to Anna Mary Fath, both of Champion, took place in Vulcan on Monday, January 8th, the Rev. Father McLaughlin officiated.

Jim Darling has announced his intention of opening a harness repair shop, and will occupy the premises a short distance north of the post office formerly occupied by Pat Ryan.

The annual town meeting will be held in the office of the Municipal District of Royal, on Friday, January 26th, at 8 o'clock. This meeting should be of interest to every citizen who really has an interest in the town in which they live.

The Community Club (12x20) of the thirty-horse team which figured in the recent grain hauling event that has given Vulcan so much publicity. It is a gift from Mr. Glen House. It will be framed and given a position of prominence in some public place, and will no doubt be an object of interest even to children of after generations.

Arrangements are being made for the showing in Vulcan, under the auspices and direction of the School Board, of a number of educational and entertaining moving pictures provided by the Government Lectures of an instructive and interesting nature will also be given. The board has decided to present the pictures and the details will be completed between this and the date proposed, which will be given later.

The service at the Union church on Sunday evening was of particular interest and excellence. It was the occasion of the annual sermon to curlers, and besides the splendid and appropriate address by Rev. Mr. Brunton, the music by a choir of curlers was great. The attendance filled the church to capacity. There were decorations in keeping with the event. The success of the choir on this occasion has prompted the suggestion to organize a male chorus.

The interest in hockey by the seniors was no doubt slowed up by the disappointment in not having the new rink for this winter, which broke up all original plans. However, the hope that all will be well for next winter, has revived activity and resulted in two or three games between the married and single men, the best of which was played on Friday night and won by the single fellows. The game was a demonstration to the good crowd of spectators that we have here hockey material sufficient in quantity and quality to make an excellent team. Arrangements were made for a team to go to Carmangay on Wednesday, but the mild weather canned it all. But we might yet have some winter, and we might yet get some sport out of our senior hockey team.

Vulcan were the first challengers for what is to be known as the Canton cup, presented by the Union Insurance Society of Canton to the Blackie curling club, and accepted as a challenge trophy for double rink competition in the curling district from Aldersyde to Kipp. Two rinks, skipped by Messrs. Wolfe and Lebow, and composed of Messrs. Dickenson, Anderson, Flood and Wolfe, and Messrs. Barker, Cunningham, Stewart and Lebow, playing in the order named, went to Blackie on Monday night, and played the defenders skipped by Messrs. Smith and Wellman. Wolfe beat Wellman 9 to 7, and LeBow was defeated by Smith 12 to 7, and the cup stays in Blackie. The McNaughton cup, a like challenge trophy, is held from last year by Vulcan, but up to the present of this season there have been no challenges. But then, it might be the weather again, for mild temperature has prevented curling from getting under way as it usually does. Of course, there is time yet.

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IRISH SITUATION

There is depressing news of violence and reprisal from Ireland. Following the killing of Michael Collins came the execution of Erskine Childers. Then the partisans of De Valera retaliated by murdering Mr. Hales, a deputy of the Dail Eireann, and the Free State government countered by executing Liam Mellows and Rory O'Connor, two well-known Republican leaders who were in its hands. Next, the Republican partisans forced their way into a Dublin hospital, killed a Free State soldier in his bed, and set fire to the houses of some of the government officials. So the tale of a life for a life goes on. According to expectation, Ulster has "contracted itself out" of the Free State and intends to go its own way. Sir James Craig the premier, is inclined to obstruct that provision of the Irish treaty which provides for a boundary commission to draw the frontier between Ulster and the Free State. He says that Ulster will not listen to the alienation of any part of the territory of the six northern counties, and he is afraid that commission might hand over a part of Tyrone and Fermanagh to the Free State.

A TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

An organization to be known as "The Taxpayers' Association" with headquarters in Fargo, has been formed and a charter has been granted by the secretary of state, says the Valley City paper. In its articles of incorporation the purpose of the organization is declared to be: "To investigate questions relating to the tax burdens imposed upon North Dakota taxpayers with a view of securing an equitable reduction thereof; to secure and disseminate accurate information among its members and others on that subject; to make recommendations relative thereto to public officers and other interested bodies and generally to aid in promoting and securing economy and efficiency in the administration of public affairs."

The forming of this association or the purposes enumerated is a worthy one if it only goes ahead and gets down to the root of taxation, cutting out in places where taxation can be cut. The cry and need of the hour is less taxation, conservation and the people, not alone in North Dakota, but everywhere are crying at the awful trend upward in taxes. Present economic conditions will not allow the present pace, and there must be a lessening of the burden somehow. Some such organization should be formed in this province.

AN UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT

When John Quincy Adams was 80 years old he met in the streets of Boston an old friend, who shook his trembling hand and said: "Good morning, and how is John Quincy Adams today?"

"Thank you," replied the former president, "John Quincy Adams himself is well, quite well, I thank you, but the house in which he lives at present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon its foundation. Time and the seasons have nearly destroyed it. Its roof is pretty well worn out. Its walls are much shattered, and it trembles with every wind. The old tenement is becoming almost uninhabitable, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon. But himself is quite well, quite well."

How wonderful an unconquerable spirit and a soul that looks fearlessly into the future, says the Farm Journal. It is well for men to have such vital faith in God that they think of the worn body, shaken by every wind as only becoming "uninhabitable," that soon they must "move out of it," as expressed by the venerable ex-president.

THIS EDITOR IS "FED UP" ON CRITICS

The editor does not want anyone to send him any more copies of the paper in which they find mistakes. If however they find a perfect copy he will pay a big price for it. If the fool critic who hunts for mistakes in the newspapers would find them all, he would be kept busy. We will be pleased to buy copies of any paper which can be proven entirely free from errors, either typographically or in statements of fact. We will be pleased to find a merchant who has never made a mistake in putting up an order; a lawyer who never lost a case through his own errors; a doctor who never wrongly diagnosed a case; a druggist who never made a mistake; a post office official who never put mail in the wrong box; a woman who never forgot to put in the salt while cooking or to put tea in the teapot before putting in the water.

LOCAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS

In interviews with several of the leading business men of Vulcan since the holidays we are justified in stating that the fairly good business conditions preceding the first of January has continued. This much to the pleasure and, we may add, to the surprise of the different merchants of the town. A steady and substantial flow of business is being realized by our enterprising merchants who believe in the policy of not relaxing in the stimulation of continuous trade, and who devote some time to the thought of keeping up interest in their concerns. The Christmas business of late years, while always noticeably apparent, seems to have relaxed in its volume, with the tendency only to make nominal gifts of remembrances, rather than the substantial and costly presents of years gone by. The little toys and presents for the children are still purchased generously, but the grown-ups have somewhat dispelled the thoughts and habits of promiscuous gift giving at this time. This perhaps because of the more strenuous time of late facing us, and the general tendency to avert the strenuous duties attached to the custom of general gift-giving. This policy is noticed throughout the country generally, and is being practiced more intensely every year. It is a wise determination and practical in its outcome and it is this spirit which lessens the previously reckless spending of money at the Christmas time and leaves resources for the general living conditions which are to follow. This policy also is one of the reasons for the continuous better business following the holiday season for those merchants who aggressively go after it, anticipate conditions, and do not previously determine on a quiet time when the holiday season is over, and regulate their methods to such a sequence. Coues has the right system: "Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better." Try it in your business and see how it works.

Canada's great problem today is one of population," said Sir H. Thornton at Calgary, the other day. Of course it is. And the problem confronting us is how to prevent our present population from dwindling down to six or seven million people. Thousands of Canadians are leaving Canada for the United States and it is useless for us to spend money in encouraging immigration from Europe when native-born Canadians are leaving in such numbers. It is up to the government to investigate the matter and attempt to stem the tide.

"A greater degree of content and comfort among the farm women would do more to advertise the agricultural advantages of Western Canada than many immigration agents," was the sentiment voiced at the convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba at Brandon. There are no truer words.

Hon. Newton W. Rowell declares that wheat would have been worth \$1.25 a bushel—an additional \$50,000,000 for Canadian farmers—if conditions in Europe had been settled as they might have been.

The occupation by the French of Bochum, the site of the iron and steel works of Hugo Stinnes, must be a bad blow for the Boches.

WAR DEBTS AND THE U.S.

A British mission is in the States attempting to settle the war debt business. We have heard an astonishing lot of twaddle about the money owed the United States. It remains for one of the most sane papers in that great land to say some very pertinent things: "We took not one inch of land, nor have we sought a dollar of reparations," declared Senator Lodge in the United States senate a few days ago. Commenting on the statement, the New York Post asks what, in essence it is, that France claims, when she claims "reparations" from Germany, and it volunteers the answer: "She claims partial compensation for the costs inflicted on her by the war." What does the United States claim when she insists on the payment of the allied debts? The Post answers: "We claim partial compensation for the cost which the war inflicted on us." As The Post sees it, the United States is seeking reparations. "When we call upon the allies to make good part of our outlay, we are essentially seeking reparations even as France insists on reparations." As The Post points out, it all falls back on Germany in the end. An ironclad demand on Great Britain for the payment of her debt makes it difficult for Great Britain to be lenient with France, and when things are made hard for France quite naturally France endeavors to take it out of Germany. Unquestionably the United States could do a good deal to make easier the solution of the reparations question.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

According to a recent statement by Commissioner E. S. Bishop, there is a certain amount of confusion in the public mind regarding responsibility for the enforcement of the liquor laws. This is explained by the commissioner as follows:

Throughout the province as a whole, outside cities and larger towns, responsibility rests with the Alberta Provincial Police. In connection with this force, there is organized a special liquor squad, in order to increase their efficiency in this branch of their duty.

In cities and towns, this responsibility rests on the municipal police and civic authorities. This arrangement between provincial and municipal authorities was made mainly in the interests of economy and to prevent unnecessary over-lapping. The ultimate responsibility for the maintenance of all law and order, however, in urban and rural communities alike, rests with the attorney-general, and he may, if circumstances justify it, utilize provincial police within a municipality.

In the case of illicit manufacture by means of stills, or "moonshining," these offences come under the Inland Revenue Act, which is a federal law. Responsibility, therefore, for detecting, prosecuting and punishing offenders of this class rests with the Dominion government officials, such as Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and officers of the department of inland revenue, whose instructions come from Ottawa. In order, however, to deal more effectively with this kind of offence, which is one of the most prevalent and troublesome form of violation of liquor laws, special arrangements have been made between the department of the attorney-general of Alberta and the department of inland revenue, Ottawa, whereby some twenty-five Alberta provincial police, have been duly appointed special officers of the department of inland revenue. These men have been carefully stationed throughout the province in order to make their services available where necessary. Co-operation

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ing as they do very closely with all provincial police officers and inland revenue officers, there has been a marked increase in the efficiency of the joint force in dealing with this abuse.

This division of responsibility between municipal, provincial and federal police forces, if better understood would help the public to understand the conditions under which these laws are enforced. There is a greater degree of co-operation today than ever before between all officials concerned in securing results, and this improvement will, no doubt, be manifest in the future.

THE MIDDLEMAN

Here is a good yarn we heard recently. A man rushed into an undertaking establishment demanding that the owner come at once to his house. "My wife is sick," he declared. "If that's the case you need a doctor not an undertaker," said the latter. "Not on your life," added the first. "I want to eliminate the middleman."

OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

The opening of the legislature will take place on Tuesday, January 23. From present indications it is not expected that the session will be a lengthy one. The first bill of the session was filed with the clerk of the house last week, being a private bill to incorporate the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts.

A FALSE CHARGE

"What are you in for?" asked the chaplain whilst visiting an old woman in her cell. "Drunk and righteous, sir," she said. "Are you sure it was righteous?" said the chaplain, "for the crime-sheet said 'riotous'?" "Sure, sir," was the prompt reply, with the candid admission, "I wasn't neither drunk nor righteous."

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EXHORBITANT RATES

Charges by Lake Steamers for Wheat Assumes a Very Disagreeable Aspect and Something Must Be Done

Recent exorbitant rates on grain from upper lakes ports is beginning to assume an ugly look, ugly and dangerous, says the Financial Post. The situation—to those who have been giving it earnest study—has taken on vastly more importance than a mere game of grab by the carriers, and the squeezing of the grain men directly and of the farmers indirectly. The question has loomed up as a National one—of tremendous importance to the prosperity of our Canadian West, and inevitably of the East as well.

When Hon. Chas. Stewart, Acting Minister of Immigration, an Alberta farmer, and Alberta's former Premier—declared at Montreal that it was of as much concern to him to determine what was driving people out of Canada as it was to devise means for bringing people into Canada, the true significance of the former alternative was not realized. These excessive water charges is one of the factors that is driving thousands of most desirable farmers from the Canadian West. Five cents on 300,000,000 bushels means Fifteen Million Dollars less for the Western farmers. And five cents a bushel increase this year on water freight rates does not touch the level of the maximum at the latter part of the season.

What advantage was it for the Dominion Government at the solicitation of the Western farmers to order in effect a reduction of 25 to 30 per cent. in grain rates charges by the steam roads, when the water routes came along at the end of the steel haul and gobbled up all or more than was saved on the railway schedules?

What is the main trouble? It would appear to be a monopoly in the handling of Canadian grain by lake routes, the Standard Shipping Co., most of all, which is currently declared to control 85 per cent. of the space available.

Not only have excessive rates been charged for the passage of Canadian grain to Canadian ports, but there are charges heard of discrimination in rates in favor of grain carried to United States ports, to the injury of Canadian trade.

Now relate all this to the price of wheat and the Canadian farmer. The world market controls the price of grain in Canada as in the United States and the Argentine. Every extra cent per bushel beyond what is fair and necessary comes out of the pockets of the Canadian farmers. The Western situation is too serious to disregard the warning. Something is wrong, and the complaint of the Western farmer that he is not getting the price he is entitled to, nor a fair profit for his wheat, would seem to be justified.

This would also appear to be a subject calling for the most rigid investigation on the part of the Dominion Government. A few weeks ago, a threat was made that to bring rates to a just basis it might be necessary to suspend the coasting laws and allow American bottoms to carry Canadian grain to Canadian ports. The proposal met with a chorus of denials that were unconvincing. Wide-open entry to United States vessels next season may prove the only effective means of strangling what has every appearance of a huge, greedy monopoly.

NATIONAL BANKS

Manitoba Farmers Believe the Scheme Would Remove Financial Disabilities

Organized farmers of Manitoba ask for the establishment of a Canadian national bank. The convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba held at Brandon adopted by a large majority a resolution reading as follows:

"That this convention ask the Dominion government to establish a Canadian national bank, to be operated in competition with the established banks and to possess all the powers enjoyed by the chartered banks under the Canadian Bank act."

Action was taken after a lengthy discussion on three resolutions all of which asked for the establishment of a federal bank. One of the two which were rejected included approval of the Canadian Council of Agriculture's request for a royal commission to investigate the whole banking question, the other declared that the primary object of the proposed national bank should be "to give the public in general, a true medium of exchange."

The convention instructed the general board of the association, in connection with the United Grain Growers' Limited, and if possible with the farmers' organizations of Alberta and Saskatchewan, to make a thorough study of the whole grain trade and endeavor to work out at the earliest possible date a plan of co-operative wheat marketing, recognizing the proposed wheat board to be a temporary expedient.

A short course for butter-bakers has been in progress at the Alberta University under the auspices of the department of agriculture and the university. A class of a dozen or more creamery workers from different points in the province, is in attendance.

EFFECTIVE WORK

Messrs. Bennis and Dillon of High River Present Canada's Case Before U.S. Tariff Commissioners

The "Stock Growers' Protective Association of Western Canada" deserves great praise for the constructive piece of work recently accomplished, by the special representatives of this body, Messrs. J. M. Dillon and F. V. Bennis, who, upon special invitation, attended the annual convention of the "Farm Bureau Federation" of the United States, and placed Western Canada's case in connection with the present prohibitive tariff squarely before that body. The result of this action was, that the Federation passed the following resolution:

"Resolved that the American Farm Bureau Federation favors the immediate and thorough investigation by the Tariff Commission of tariff rates on all imports which the farmers buy, and an immediate reduction of excessive rates to such lower levels as shall only equal the differences in the cost of production here and abroad."

Messrs. Dillon and Bennis then succeeded in interesting the Illinois Agricultural Association in the subject with the result, that the following petition was filed with the U.S. Tariff Commission:

"The Illinois Agricultural Association, representing some 80,000 farmers and feeders in Illinois, does hereby make application for a reduction in the duty on Canadian cattle as fixed in the McCumber-Fordney tariff bill.

"The reasons for the filing of this application are as follows: "First—The Illinois cattle feeders have learned to appreciate the true Canadian feeder cattle because of their superior quality and because the environment under which they are produced makes for superior feeding qualities when fed under conditions as found in Illinois. Many letters from Illinois cattle feeders can be presented to substantiate this statement. The present duty will result and has already resulted in the receipt of a much smaller volume of Canadian cattle at our markets, thereby curtailing the supply of quality feeder cattle to which our feeders have access.

"Second—Final arrangements have been completed for the removal of the British embargo on Canadian cattle which will allow the Canadian cattle growers unrestricted access to the British markets, a privilege which is not enjoyed by the American producer and feeder. The present duty will result in the exportation of a large volume of Canadian cattle which under a lower tariff rate would seek our markets.

"It naturally follows that this would result in a lesser demand for export cattle at our markets and it is significant to note that the class of cattle in demand on our markets for export is very similar to the Canadian cattle.

"Third—As Western Canada is peopled largely by Americans, it has not been difficult to build up an export trade with that section. The present duty as imposed upon Canadian cattle will destroy an industry, for which this section is ideally fitted, with a resultant decline in the purchasing power of its people and a corresponding loss in trade for U.S. industries, the effect of which will eventually reach the Illinois farmer."

This is constructive work of a very high order and this paper wishes the association and its resourceful representatives every possible success, says the Farm & Ranch Review.

ALWAYS WORK TO DO

A Farmer Tells How Farmers Can Keep Themselves Busy These Salubrious Wintery Days

What can a farmer do these warm winter days? One farmer speaking to a Lethbridge newspaper man declared that it was a golden opportunity for the farmers to clean-up their places, and to get their machinery and harness in shape for spring operations. "Everything in the way of preparations for spring work, means that the farmer will have just that much more time to devote to actual work on the land when spring does break."

It was also pointed out the chance the farmer had to get his barn-yard manure on his land. The warm days were just right for this work. Also, January days might be profitably spent in sorting out potatoes, and bagging them for the spring trade. "If the farmers will sort their spuds carefully, throwing out the poor ones and feeding them to their hogs; sacking for the market the best ones only, they can dispose of every pound of their crop. The farmers should aim to do better than the government grade—there should be a very limited number of the minimum sized spuds in the bags—and the quality of the potatoes should be above criticism. If they will do this there will be no question about selling the crop, and a reputation for future years will be built up," said a produce dealer, in discussing the potato outlook.

Leading the United States by \$28,693,008, Great Britain was Canada's best customer during the twelve months ending November 30, 1922. During the period, Canadian exports to Great Britain reached a value of \$361,009,140, as compared with Canadian exports to the United States valued at \$332,326,132. During the corresponding period the United States led Great Britain as Canada's best customer by \$52,380,459.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Two carloads of buffalo from the National Park at Wainwright were slaughtered and distributed east and west before Christmas.

The Canadian parliament will meet on January 31. The coming session will be a heavy one. Revision of the Bank act, redistribution bill will be among the problems discussed.

They say the reason why some men are bald is because they use their brain too much. Perhaps that accounts for a woman having no moustache—she used her mouth too much.

The young son of Postmaster James Rea, of Staveland, was killed last week, when he fell from a horse and his foot caught in a stirrup. He was dragged to his death.

Over 2,000,000 bushels of grain have been shipped through Edmonton over the Vancouver route from the opening of the season until December 29, according to figures given out at Edmonton.

Well broke horses are bringing good prices in Montreal, the report of a Coronation horse shipper who sent a select bunch to that city weighing about 1500 lbs. each. The horses were gentle and well broke to any kind of work.

A strike sympathizer gained admission into Mayor Duggan's office in Edmonton and attacked that official. In the scrimmage that followed desks, flower pots and furniture were overturned, and later the offender was put under control.

Mosquitoes and grasshoppers in Saskatchewan, four booze raids in Ponoka in as many days, and an anti-swearing bylaw in Edmonton, and yet we are told that the seasons are not changing. Why, the whole world is topsy-turvy!—Ponoka Herald.

Returns from 2,476 threshers returns throughout the province, now place the crop average yields as follows: Spring wheat 11.40 bushels, winter wheat 10.60 bushels, oats 21.50 bushels, barley 14.70 bushels, rye 9.90 bushels, flax 4.45 bushels.

A gold-mounted fountain pen was taken from the body of a turkey presented to W. R. Brown, of Port Arthur, by his employers. The pen was slightly damaged. Mr. Brown states that all the indications are that the pen had been swallowed by the bird.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY PRESIDENT POINTS WAY TO LOWER FREIGHT RATES

E. W. Beatty Says They Can Only Be Effected Through Increased Railroad Traffic and Lowered Operating Expenses—Greater Population the Answer to the Problem—Better Times Foreshadowed by Heavier Freight Traffic.



E. W. BEATTY, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The railway situation in Canada to-day is fundamental and basic in relation to the economic situation in which the nation finds itself. This is the text of an article appearing in the Annual Financial Survey of the "Toronto Globe."

Another important factor in connection with this matter is that of labor costs. During 1921 the Canadian Pacific Railway labor cost was \$3.84 per cent. of the company's total expenses. Some idea of how important this is to the railways may be gathered from the fact that the Canadian Pacific last year employed in Canada alone approximately 65,000 men and women, to whom was paid a total of about \$93,000,000 in wages.

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and domestic trade of the Dominion be brought closer to even terms with those of competing countries.

What a Reduction Means. As an instance of what a partial reduction in freight rates means when it is not accompanied by a commensurate reduction in operating costs, it is significant that an Ottawa despatch recently stated that on the moving of this year's Western crops the railways of the country had lost about \$25,000,000 as the result of a recent reduction in freight rates. This loss was said to be about evenly divided between the National lines, and the Canadian Pacific.

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These figures are clear evidence that Canada's railways are shouldering burdens imposed upon them by an abnormal situation. In the face

of every difficulty they are providing a high standard of service at a price that is all in favor of the patrons of the road. They are, moreover, carrying on the work of building up the country as they have in the past. Since 1891 the Canadian Pacific has spent between \$68,000,000 and \$70,000,000 in the encouragement of immigration. Is it not fair to ask what would be the situation in Canada to-day had not this amount of money been spent to encourage settlement?

National Aspect of Canadian Roads. With their important foreign connections and trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific shipping arrangements, Canadian railways are developing Canada's overseas markets. They are making Canada a toll-road between East and West for all the world to travel over—a toll-road on which Canadian business collects most of the tolls, and under the regulations which the Government has made, they are doing their best to direct desirable immigrants to our shores. The necessity for an immediate increase in the population of this country is so acute that the work must not be left to the railways alone. The need is national, and the effort to cope with the situation must be national. It should not even be left to the Government and the railways. Commercial organizations and business clubs throughout the length and breadth of Canada have here a patriotic cause worthy their best thought and effort, and there is no part of Canada so remote, nor no community so small as to not be directly benefited by the success of a national campaign for increased immigration.

Definite Improvement in Sight. The railways no less than the country, have come through a period of years in which organization was strained to the utmost, resources tied up or diverted to unproductive uses, and the flow of men and money needed for uninterrupted development cut off at its source. It could not but take years to start conditions moving back towards normal, and that we can to-day clearly see a definite improvement should be a matter for relief as well as encouragement. The year 1922 opened with the trade of the country at low ebb, and its early months gave little evidence of any notable improvement. As earlier predictions of an abundant crop came nearer to realization the volume of trade showed improvement, and the movement of general merchandise assumed healthier proportions. This in conjunction with a heavy crop movement again strained the operating facilities of the railroads, themselves struggling back to a normal standard of equipment against the handicap of a most insistent need for economy. The situation was again met with all the vigor and enterprise of which the railroads were capable, and in the case of the Canadian Pacific the total grain movement between September 1 and November 30 was approximately 142,800,000 bushels, as against 84,600,000 for the same period in the previous year. There is a reason, says Mr. Beatty, in conclusion, to hope that there will be a continuance of the improved movement of freight noted during the latter half of the year. This is the best possible indication of a gradual return to normal conditions, and should be a vigorous incentive to set about such activities as will result in a reduction of transportation costs, and a consequent increase in efficiency in marketing Canadian products.

IMPORTANT LETTER

TO EDITOR OF VULCAN ADVOCATE:

Sir.—May I, through the medium of your paper, draw the attention of the ratepayers and citizens to the annual meeting of the Town to be held on the evening of January 26th.

It is the duty of the people to attend this meeting and learn how their affairs have been administered during the past year by the the Council and to learn at first hand just what has been accomplished and how the affairs of the Town are financially.

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